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compound encrypted output data stream that is an encryption of  
the first encrypted data stream.

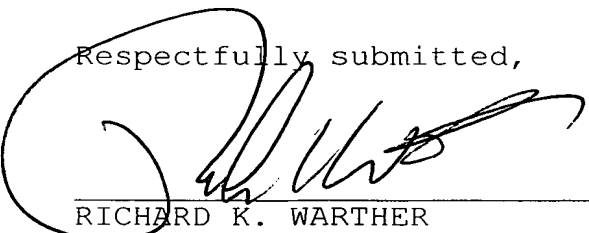
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**REMARKS**

Applicant received the Notice to File Corrected  
Application Papers that indicated the application was informal  
and required a new Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length.  
The present Preliminary Amendment corrects this informality  
and a new Abstract that is less than 150 words in length is  
submitted.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the  
changes made to the specification and claims by the current  
amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With  
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Respectfully submitted,



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In the Abstract:

Please delete the present Abstract and substitute the new Abstract as follows:

~~Abstract of the Disclosure~~

A method controllably encrypts data to be transmitted over a communication path between a data source and data receipt by passing data to be transported over the communication path through a first of respectively different encryption operators to produce a first encrypted data stream. This is then passed through a second selected one of respectively different data encryption operators to produce a compound encrypted output data stream that is an encryption of the first encrypted data stream.--

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